

9. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of printing is carried out with the sheet including a greeting card having preprinted artwork and demarcations for detaching the greeting card; and wherein the step of shipping includes separating the packaging list and the greeting card at the demarcations.

16. (Thrice Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of shipping includes shipping the product in packaging displaying a network address to facilitate an electronic communication from an ordering system, including a computer, to the order center apparatus.

39. (Thrice Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to ship a product, the method including the steps of:

providing the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor controlled by a computer program in producing output signals representing a packing list for an order of the product;

producing waybill shipping information signals at a shipping system, including a computer;

connecting the order center apparatus to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the packing list;

connecting the shipping system to a communications system, including the Internet, for transmitting the electrical signals representing the waybill shipping information signals;

linking the signals representing the order with the signals representing the waybill shipping information;

locating a printer device linked to the communications system at a distribution center separate from the ordering center and separate from the shipping system;
receiving the signals representing the packing list at the printer device;
receiving the signals representing the waybill shipping information signals at the printer device;
printing a waybill at the printer from the waybill shipping information signals;
printing a packing list from the signals representing the packing list; and
shipping the product specified by the packing list, according to the waybill, from the distribution center.

43. (Twice Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to enable shipping a gift and a user-composed greeting message to a recipient, the method including the steps of:

specifying the gift and the user-composed greeting message with an ordering system, including a computer, connected to a web site; and

connecting the web site to the order center apparatus including a processor controlled by a computer program to carry out steps of:

linking electronic signals representing the gift with the user-composed greeting message in communicating over the Internet for receipt by the recipient;

controlling the shipping of the gift to the recipient by obtaining shipping waybill data from a shipping apparatus; and

linking signals representing the order with the signals representing the waybill shipping data.

47. (Twice Amended) A method for using an order center apparatus to implement a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient, the method including the steps of:

producing output electrical signals representing an order including a list of necessary intermediates of a flower arrangement for a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient by causing an order center apparatus located at an order center to change input digital electrical signals received from an Internet web page into the output digital electrical signals, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor, the processor controlled by a computer program;

assigning waybill tracking information signals to the order;

linking, by digital communication, the signals representing the list with the waybill tracking information signals;

communicating the signals representing the list to a printer device at a distribution center located remotely from the order center; and

making the delivery customized and fulfilled just for the recipient, as specified by the list, in accordance with the waybill tracking information signals, from the distribution center.

48. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 122, further including the step of communicating an email confirmation of the order to an electronic address of the ordering system computer.

120. (Twice Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by using an order center apparatus, the method including the steps of:

receiving an order from a web site at the order center apparatus including a

computer having a processor;

controlling the processor with a computer program to the produce signals
representing a packing list for the order;

receiving a waybill tracking number receiving from a shipping system including a
computer;

associating signals representing the waybill tracking number with said signals
representing the order;

locating a printer device at a distribution center separate from the order center
and separate from the shipping system;

printing the packing list at the printer device from the signals representing the
packing list;

making the product; and

locating the product identified by the packing list in packaging for courier
shipment from the distribution center according to a waybill corresponding to the waybill
tracking number.

122. (Twice Amended) A process for making a product for shipping, the
process including the steps of:

enabling a user of an ordering system to ship the product as a gift and
communicate a message to a recipient by connecting the ordering system, including a
computer, to a web site;

making the product for the shipping; and

connecting the web site to the order center apparatus including a processor
controlled by a computer program to carry out steps of:

linking electronic signals representing the gift with the message in communicating over the Internet for receipt by the recipient;
controlling the shipping of the gift to the recipient by obtaining shipping waybill data from a shipping apparatus; and
linking signals representing the order with the signals representing the waybill shipping data.

123. (Twice Amended) A method for making a product for shipping by using an order center apparatus to implement a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient, the method including the steps of:

F1 producing output electrical signals representing a list of necessary intermediates of a flower arrangement as the product for a delivery customized and fulfilled just for a recipient by causing an order center apparatus located at an order center to change input digital electrical signals received from an Internet web page into the output digital electrical signals, the order center apparatus including a computer having a processor, the processor controlled by a computer program;

assigning waybill tracking information signals to the order;

linking, by digital communication, the signals representing the list with the waybill tracking information signals;

communicating the signals representing the list to a printer device at a distribution center located remotely from the order center;

making the product; and

making the delivery customized and fulfilled just for the recipient, as specified by the list, in accordance with the waybill tracking information signals, from the distribution center.

Please add the following claims.

317. A method for processing a product order, the method comprising:

- at an order processing center computer;
- receiving customer order data identifying a product to be shipped to a recipient address;
- transmitting data over a data network to a courier computer system, the transmitted data identifying the recipient shipping address;
- receiving a response from the courier computer system, the response comprising data representing a shipping waybill;
- determining packing list data based on the customer order data;
- combining the shipping waybill data with the packing list data to form an integrated shipping record;
- electronically transmitting the integrated shipping record from the order processing center to a remotely located distribution center;
- at the distribution center; and
- printing the integrated shipping record to allow separation of waybill and packing list components to facilitate shipping of the product specified by the packing list component in accordance with the waybill component.

318. The method of claim 317, wherein the data transmitted to the courier computer system further comprises an origination address and shipping cost determination data.

319. The method of claim 318, wherein the shipping cost determination data comprises product weight data.

320. The method of claim 319, further comprising determining the product weight data by querying a database storing records associating products with weight.

321. The method of claim 317, wherein:

the customer order data further comprising data representing a customized message directed to the recipient;

combining to form an integrated shipping record further comprises combining the data representing the customized message with the waybill data and the product list data; and

printing the integrated shipping record further comprises printing the customized message on a media to be included in packaging shipped to the recipient.

322. The method of claim 321, wherein the media comprises a greeting card.

323. The method of claim 317, further comprising:

transmitting a order confirmation comprising a tracking number derived from the shipping waybill.

324. The method of claim 317, wherein the product to be shipped comprises fresh flowers.